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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 26, 2005**

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for response extended three-months to and include November 26, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is included. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/PRVD/002/JAS, for any fees, including excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.